

Serial No.: 10/601,290Atty Docket No.: 10196-00308**REMARKS:**

Claims 1-63 and 73-79 have been canceled. Claims 64-72 remain pending in this application.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect claims 64-72, collectively labeled Group VI, with traverse.

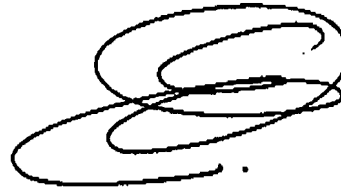
As the Examiner is aware, a restriction requirement is proper when the claimed inventions are independent or distinct and when there is a serious burden on the Examiner to search the subject matter covered by the instant claims. The search required to examine claims 1-63 and 73-79 in Groups 1-5 appear to Applicants to be an acceptable and reasonable extension of any search required for Group VI. It is respectfully submitted that any additional search in and of itself is not an excuse to impose a restriction requirement.

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Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute claims 1-63 and 73-79, canceled herewith, in a separate application.

Respectfully submitted,

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